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## PATIENTS AWARDED



At a formal retreat ceremony in front of the Administration Building, Colonel P. E. Duggins awards the Air Medal to Lt. James S. Anderson, of Ilion, N. Y. The B-24 bomber-navigator was forced to bail out during a raid over German occupied Paris last August 1.

While Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, executive officer, looks on, Sgt. Raymond J. Zaverack, Plymouth, Pa., waits to receive the Purple Heart, awarded as a result of wounds received at Aachen October 13.

## Fantasy on Service Troops Highlights McGuire Air Show

"Fistful of Dirt", a fantasy on what might have happened to two Quartermaster soldiers the night before shipping overseas will highlight this week's "Open House at McGuire", the hospital's half-hour radio show heard every Saturday at 4 p.m. over WRVA.

Assigned to a laundry and bakery company, the two men give up hope of ever playing a front-line role in bringing victory to their army, until a mysterious voice, a fistful of dirt and a telegram prove otherwise.

The fantasy received a letter of commendation from the War Department when it was produced in a recent Camp Lee broadcast. It was written by Lt. Howard B. Leeds.

A greeting to the Chinese people for their New Year's Day to be celebrated in February will be heard in Chinese from Sgt. Charles S. Ming, Chinese-American patient in Ward 42. Ming, an artillery observer, served with the fighting-famous 82d Airborne Division. He will tell how, before he was wounded in Holland, he often found himself behind German lines.

Pfc. William Geminder, Ward 52 patient also to be featured, knows how it feels at the wrong end of a shooting gallery. Once when he found himself in direct line of fire, he stumbled into a nearby ditch. A bullet struck his arm. He turned to see a group of Jerries emptying their rifles on him. With six bullets in him, he played dead, and played it well. When his buddies came to get him, they were spotted again. Though the Germans opened with shellfire, Geminder and his rescuers got out okay. These harrowing experiences which would have floored an ordinary man haven't bothered Geminder. He's worried about a sinus condition he has had since before his induction.

## EMs Announce Birthday Dance In Gym Tuesday

Enlisted men and their guests will dance their way along the March of Dimes with a Presidents' Birthday Hop in the gymnasium Tuesday evening.

Proceeds will form part of the detachment's contribution to the current fund drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The admission price will be decided by each individual soldier.

Parting from the tradition set in previous dances when junior hostesses were on hand, the hop will be a partner-free-for-all with soldiers bringing their own dates from among Richmond's highest social strata. Dress will be informal.

Promising to mix up the tempos to keep everyone happy and dancing, the McGuire band will furnish the music.

Daily jam sessions during lunch hour scheduled to begin yesterday will continue each day from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in the arcade until Saturday.

## 'Winged Victory' Salute to AAF On Post Tonight

"Winged Victory", rave-producing tribute to the Army Air Forces comes to the Post Theater tonight, performances starting at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. A joint production effort of Moss Hart and Darryl Zanuck, the film captures the color and action of air crews undergoing training for combat. All profits for the film are forwarded to Army Charities, Inc.

Meanwhile a party for McGuire patients holds forth at the Red Cross, getting under way at 7 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments as well as a crew of hostesses mark the affair, sponsored by the American Institute of Banking Women.

Friday at 7, the footlights turn on a variety show, staged by Special Services. McGuire's band and specially produced variety acts will fill out the evening.

Gypsy Rose Lee co-stars with Randolph Scott in "Belle of the Yukon", Red Cross' movie feature for patients Saturday night at 7.

Miss Aurilla Aschenbach, USO-Camp Shows sketching artist, will continue her tour of McGuire wards through this Saturday evening. Original copies of portraits sketched by Miss Aschenbach, plus one positive photostat and a negative from which additional prints may be made, will be mailed to patients who sit for them. There is no charge for portraits.

## McGuire Portrait

Private Angelo Restivo, patient in Ward 54, has contributed the winning suggestion in a contest to decide where the portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire will hang, it was announced last night by Lt. Velma R. White, suggestion committee chairman.

The painting will be placed in the lobby to the left of the entrance as one comes in. A bulletin board, now in that position, will be placed in another part of the lobby.

As soon as Restivo recovers from an operation he underwent last Saturday, he will leave on a 10-day furlough, the committee's award.

## Neuro-Surgery Becomes MGH Specialty for Definitive Care



Before an audience of 500 at McGuire's dedication Tuesday, Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General, top, announces that the hospital will soon specialize in neuro-surgery as well as orthopedic surgery. Below left, Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes delivers the dedication address while seated behind him are Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., and Colonel Frank Strome, Service Command Surgeon, Colonel P. E. Duggins and Chaplain O. D. Swank. Right, Colonel Duggins accepts in behalf of the hospital the portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire.

## 300 Blood Donors Needed Now for Lab Register

BY PVT. LEE KING

Almost 300 blood donors are urgently needed for listing on McGuire General's blood donor register, Captain Dale A. Van Vacter, WAC, announced today. The captain is in charge of the bacteriology and hematology sections of McGuire Laboratory Service, and blood donors' register is one of her most important responsibilities.

"As the number of definitive patients increases the need for a great number of blood donors increases proportionately", Captain Van Vacter explained.

Every soldier, man or woman, on the post was urged to register immediately as a blood donor.

All military personnel of this post know their individual blood types as types are stamped on "dog tags." Those who wish to respond to this vitally important call for registration of blood donors are requested to report to Captain Van Vacter as soon as possible.

A total of 100 names of Type A blood donors is needed for the hospital roster upon which 68 names are now listed. Of this 68, only a few are available as many have recently donated and cannot give blood again for at least eight weeks, or are unavailable for other reasons.

At least 25 names of Type AB blood donors are needed for listing. The hospital has a list of ten names of Type AB, few of which are avail-

able.

The roster should have 50 names of Type B blood donors. It has 22, only four or five of whom are available.

Type O blood donors on the list should number at least 100. There are 50. Less than 5 or 6 of the 50 are available.

"It is necessary that the register list at least twice as many names as any emergency might require because a number of factors might prevent the availability of a listed donor at the time the emergency arose," said Captain Van Vacter.

"For example, a donor might be off the post on leave or pass, or might have a cold or other ailment, or might be on night or special or travel duty and therefore unable to respond to the call for donation of blood for transfusion.

"There are four types of blood groups, 'A', 'AB', 'B' and 'O'. All adult human blood falls into one of

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## Orthopedic Assignment To Continue

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

McGuire General Hospital will become one of the army's great centers for neuro-surgery in addition to its present specialization in orthopedic surgery, it was announced by Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General, during hospital dedication ceremonies in the Red Cross Auditorium Tuesday.

Originally designated an evacuation hospital for overseas wounded, a portion of the hospital's 1765 beds were allotted early in December for definitive orthopedic care. Exactly what effect on McGuire's evacuation responsibilities the neuro-surgery assignment will have has not as yet been learned. Not to be confused with psychoneurosis or battle fatigue care, neuro-surgery is the physical treatment and healing of nerve injuries.

Attended by 500 persons, including Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., and other civilian and military dignitaries from the Virginia area, the dedication program included addresses by Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, Commanding General, Third Service Command; Colonel E. E. Gesler, Division Engineer, Middle Atlantic Division; Dr. W. Lowndes Peple, noted Richmond physician, and Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, who presented the hospital with a portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, his granduncle, after whom the hospital was named. Colonel P. E. Duggins, hospital commanding officer, introduced the speakers.

In a special memorandum issued this morning, Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, commended all personnel for their cooperation in making the dedication program a success. Text of his message follows:

The fine spirit of cooperation which was so evident throughout the post during the past few days in assisting in readying this hospital for the dedication program, assured me once again that all of you feel as I do about this institution, that we are all a part of this great hospital and that the hospital is part of us.

Your efforts in making the dedication such an overwhelming success is greatly appreciated, and I wish to add that the fine manner in which all of you performed your jobs is worthy of commendation.

P. E. DUGGINS, Colonel, MC, Commanding.

Referring to "the spirit of warmth and a desire to give" which pervades the McGuire atmosphere, General Hayes remarked, "Everyone here has felt that warmth, and the desire to make the men here healthy again and happy. Go through the hospital's corridors and wards and you, too, will feel that happiness. One wonders why it should be when the men here are wounded and ill. And yet their spirit gives one the joy of living. It comes from the people here and their realization of their mission.

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I Walk Again

The kind of courage and determination which has helped America's wounded become the most rapidly recovering wounded soldiers in the world is typified in the following letter sent by Pvt. Milton Kaufman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former patient in Lawson General Hospital, to Major Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General:

I have just walked up three flights of stairs to my apartment. This wasn't the first time I've had to do this. But today was a special occasion. Today marked the anniversary of the day I was wounded. One year ago today at the Casino front, during a heavy counter-artillery barrage, I was seriously wounded which necessitated the amputation of both my legs above the knee.

When I discovered my loss I felt completely hopeless. But today, one year later, I realize how wrong I was then. I can't do all the things I did before but I can walk and get around on my own. During my stay in hospitals overseas, I underwent four major operations and countless blood transfusions which saved my life. Upon my return to the States, I was informed that I needed two more operations before I could be fitted with the proper prostheses. Weeks and months have passed by since then and with daily attendance at Physio-Therapy department for exercises, the eventful day neared when I would take my first steps on artificial legs.

It isn't an easy job, but with faith, patience, comfort and assurance of loved ones, it can be done. I have seen other boys in the hospital accomplish the same difficult task because I'm sure they believed as I do.

Our Medical Corps today is the best in the world. Their job is a hard one. Regardless of whether they work in tents at the front lines or in immaculate, well-furnished buildings in the United States, they are saving thousands and thousands of lives with their skill and attention.

To them, I reserve the right to say, "I walk again."

3rd Command Tops In Salvage Disposal

Baltimore, Jan. 25 (SCP).—Third Service Command stands first this month among the nation's nine service commands in the salvage, redistribution and disposal of excess and surplus property, Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, Commanding General, disclosed today. Last January, the 3rd SC was in last place.

During the last year, the command's property disposal division, under Major William S. Whitehead, supervised salvage sales at Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia posts amounting approximately to \$2,800,000, the redistribution of \$2,400,000 worth of excess property, and the declaration to disposal agencies of \$1,600,000 worth of surplus property.

Nazis Have Neat Way Of Making You Talk

Western Front (CNS)—Here's a new wrinkle in German methods of extracting information from Americans who are taken prisoner. They first strip their captives of all identification, including passes, dog-tags and identification cards. They then set up an opening for an escape. When the American takes advantage of the opening, he is "talled" and recaptured before he can reach his own lines. Then the Nazis threaten to shoot him as a spy unless he gives them the information they want.

And then there was the man who works in a defense plant who wrote home to his friends: "Having a wonderful time a half."

The Wolf by Sansone

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"This isn't quite what I expected!"

Sound Off!

DEAR BANNER:

The following song has the official sanction of Sgt. "Tweet-tweet" Lucero:

THE LITTER BEARER SONG  
(Tune: The Love Bug Will Get You—with variations)

Lucero will get you if you don't watch out.  
If he ever meets you, you'll hear him shout,  
"Meet me at the A&D  
Or you'll have to answer to me."

The victim says, "Sarge, you've picked me again."  
Lucy answers, "Whaddya want, they asked for men."  
So it's off to the platform they go  
Blessing (?) Sergeant LUC-ER-O.

Pvt. Barney Belkin  
A&D Office

the inquiring line

Q. Does a man who has been overseas twice—with a tour of duty in the U. S. sandwiched in between—collect any additional mustering out pay over and above the \$300 given for overseas service?

A. No. No matter how often a man serves overseas—or in how many theaters—he collects only \$300.

Q. After the war, I plan to return to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an engineering student. The course of study I intend to pursue will cost more than \$500 per year, which seems to be the limit fixed by the Veterans Administration on the amount the government will contribute. Is there any way I can get the government to pay the full cost of my course?

A. You'll have to make up the difference yourself. The \$500 maximum set by the Veterans Administration is just that—the maximum amount the government will contribute.

Library Notes

Books and more books—new and old. This past week over one hundred books were received by the library as gifts. Rip-roarin' westerns and blood-curdling mysteries were among the lot. The new books keep coming in, too.

That much talked about FOREVER AMBER, historical novel of the time of Charles II of England, by Kathleen Winsor, has been added this week. The line forms on the right, please.

Published this month is John Steinbeck's new novel CANNERY ROW, considered his best since GRAPES OF WRATH.

On the poetic side we have Russell Davenport's poem, MY COUNTRY, which expresses the sentiments and emotions of every patriotic American.

For a better understanding of our enemy, Japan, we have received Alan Hynd's unveiling of the Japanese spy ring, which for seven years slowly closed in on the United States. Mr. Hynd in his book, BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST, begins his story on August 1, 1934, when a secret document was stolen from the Navy Building in Washington. For the first time every detail of the Japanese spy menace is unfolded.

Another first hand picture of Japan and her "bloated" new empire is UNTIL THEY EAT STONES, by Russell Brines, a foreign correspondent in Tokyo, pre-Pearl Harbor.

The cream of the crop in cartoons, THE BEST CARTOONS OF 1944, edited by Lawrence Larier, is full of side-splitting, clever humor.

One of the war books that you will want to read is THEY CALLED IT PURPLE HEART VALLEY by Margaret Bourke-White, famous "Life" war correspondent. Miss Bourke-White's photographs are

'CAN'T HELP SINGING'

Deanna Durbin and Robert Paige co-star in "Can't Help Singing," a musical of the Wild West in the mid-1800s, which gets its first screening here Sunday at the Post Theater. Performances begin at 6:15 and 8:15

G.I. SHAVINGS BY Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

The following we respectfully dedicate to all members of the Paraglyph Troopers in the Army Chair Corps:

Here we go, into the file case yonder,  
Diving deep into the drawer.  
Here it is, buried away down under  
That legal stuff, we're searching for.  
Off we go, into the CO's office,  
Where we get one helluva roar—  
We live in miles of paper files,  
But nothing will stop the Army Chair Corps.

Have you heard about the GI from the motorpool who was dispatched to the Main Street Station but couldn't find his way back? He had to call in for directions home.

Look for T-Sgt. Legacy to blow in most any time. He is on DS at Ft. Eustis.

That young civilian seen most anywhere of late is Charley Coggin's nine-year-old brother Don who made the Florida trip all by his lonesome. The purpose of his visit is to get first hand information about an enlisted man's living conditions before Don moves on to OCS.

If the place seems quiet it might be because Pfc. Archie "Hotdog" Saracino is a patient in Ward 39. Such will be short-lived however since we will soon welcome back to duty Pfc. Liborio Balsamo.

This week's middle aisler is T-5 Charley Wolfe, late of the University of Pennsylvania.

ALUMNAE NOTES . . .

Pfc. Walter "Soupy" Campbell, up at Lovell General Hospital and just twenty miles from his home, appreciates McGuire more than ever. This sad mental state is probably the reason why he is shopping for a ring.

Popular Lt. Perna, formerly of McGuire, turns up as adjutant, detachment CO, legal adviser, special service provider, etc., of a general hospital in France.

Down Texas way, a former McGuire nurse, Lt. Christ married her ex-GI fiancé, who had received his discharge. Later word received from Lts. Mansfield and Elleen McBride has them on duty "somewhere in the Pacific".

magnificent and her narrative is excellent. "Straightening up this Italian situation is like trying to put tooth paste back into tubes," she says.

Which one of the boys from surgery was seen getting a professional job done on his finger nails at the local Beauty Shoppe?

A goodly number of our alumnae are now ex-service men. It happened to former S-Sgt. Daniel Levitan after a short stay at Camp Pickett. Next came Sgt. James Smyth of the Post Office. Discharged from Lovell General he plans to marry on January 29th. Remember "Red" Woods, the singing trash man? He got his lapel button at Ft. Dix.

You know, of course, that Pfc. Nick Muskovitch was lend-leased via DS as a weaver in a burg some thirty miles south of Atlanta. He was spotted as a "yankee sticker" by the one man police force and has been under observation since.

Half the necessities of life aren't fit to drink.

12% Saving Seen In SC Coal Use

Baltimore, Jan. 25 (SCP)—Coal conservation measures adopted last summer, when the present shortage of that fuel was anticipated by the War Department, are expected to effect a 12 per cent saving in the amount used to heat Army posts in the Third Service Command, and post commanders have been urged to exert the utmost effort to obtain further economies.

Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General, said today that of the seven million tons normally consumed in all the nation's service commands each year, about 850,000 are used in 3rd SC. The 12 per cent reduction would release 102,000 tons of coal and approximately 2,040 railroad cars for essential war production.

Personnel was asked to abide by all post conservation regulations and to assist actively in the program to cut down fuel use.

Health Program Planned To Rehabilitate 4Fs

Washington (CNS)—In an effort to fit for military duty or essential war jobs as many as possible of the 750,000 4Fs who have remediable defects, the Senate subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education has prepared a program of medical surgical and educational rehabilitation. It will be submitted shortly to James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion and other officials concerned with manpower shortages.



# Lt. Allen Looies Same Men He Sarged With

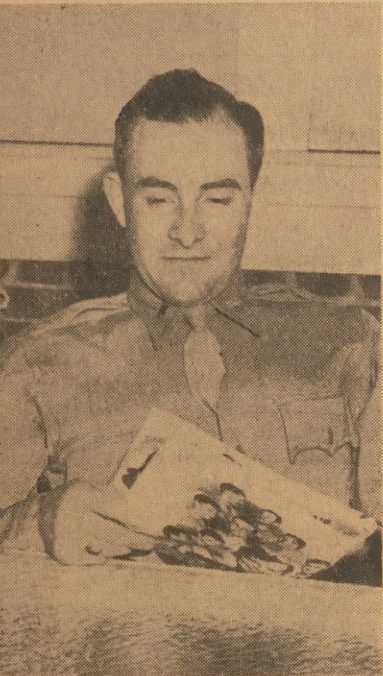
Lt. Hubert L. Allen, of Charlotte Court House, Va., won his lieutenantancy on the battlefield for "outstanding leadership." The 24-year-old lieutenant, a patient in Ward 17, is recovering from wounds he received in battle near Deurne, Netherlands.

Lt. Allen, serving with the combat engineers of an armored division in "spearhead" action in the European theatre, was a platoon sergeant at the time he received his direct commission as a second lieutenant on October 15, 1944, by authority of General Sylvester, commanding the 7th Armored Division.

Allen remained with the same outfit and in the same platoon with the same men under him doing the same job. Only his title changed—it became "lieutenant" instead of "sergeant."

The young lieutenant joined the army in January, 1942, and went overseas in April, 1944. He saw some hot action in his job as platoon leader of a spearhead group.

On October 20th, while on reconnaissance patrol with two non-commissioned officers, the jeep in which they were riding ran over a Ger-



LT. HUBERT L. ALLEN

man anti-tank mine near Duerne, Netherlands, and the newly-commissioned lieutenant received wounds from which he is now recovering at McGuire.

He wears the Bronze Star, won after the battle of Chartres in France and the Purple Heart.

Lt. Allen's battle wounds are fracture of three spinal vertebrae, a fractured right arm and collar bone and numerous steel fragment wounds of the right arm.

And the body cast that encases most of his torso represents no handicap to Lt. Allen who goes about the hospital quite spryly. He frequently visits his home in Charlotte Court House, as well as downtown Richmond.

## QM to Re-Issue Unclaimed Shirts

By Service Command Press

GI shirts left unclaimed at the laundry when soldiers are transferred from McGuire will soon be worn by other soldiers at posts in this country or overseas.

The recovered blouses, trousers or other khaki garb will become part of the Quartermaster clothing supply and will be re-issued in lieu of new GI equipment to troops at stations in the continental United States or on overseas assignment, Colonel William K. Wilemon, Third Service Command Quartermaster, said.

The new plan to increase the Army's supply stock of clothing in the Service Command area is being carried out on a nationwide basis in all Service Commands, Colonel Wilemon said.

## Alice Elizabeth Resch

Alice Elizabeth Resch has arrived. The daughter of Captain and Mrs. Henry U. Resch, was 7 lb. 8 oz. at birth. Alice Elizabeth is 12 days old today.

## Free Tickets

Free tickets to Richmond's leading movie theaters are available to patients and detachment enlisted men at the Red Cross and detachment office, respectively.

Tickets will be distributed each week, good without charge Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, for the following theaters: Byrd, State, Capitol, Colonial, National, Loew's, Park and Grand.

## Big Interest On Little Money Through GI Plan

In "the good old days," you could walk into any savings bank and get 3 per cent on your money. Many banks even paid 4 per cent and gilt-edge investments involving practically no risk of principal would bring 5 or 6 per cent. Try and get those rates today. Savings banks pay 2 per cent, at the most, and many of them are not keen for your money, even at that low rate.

For the McGuire soldier who wishes absolute safety of principal, and high interest rate, there is nothing comparable to a Soldier's Deposit Account, according to Lt. R. T. Morrison, Personal Affairs Officer. Five dollars starts an account with the Fiscal Office, Administration Building, and 4 per cent interest per year is paid on sums left on deposit for more than six months. While the right of withdrawal at any time before discharge is not absolute, your detachment CO can approve a withdrawal to pay bills or because of an emergency. You are furnished with a deposit book, just as with deposits in a saving banks, and no creditor can attach your deposit. In case of your death, the deposit would be paid to your heirs or representatives.

The law provides that desertion shall forfeit a deposit but aside from that not-to-be-expected contingency, there are no strings attached to it.

See Lt. Morrison, Personal Affairs Officer for any questions or ask the 1st sergeant for a glance at AR 35-2600.

If you don't think this is a real privilege, ask some bank official if he knows of anything like it in civil life. And, by the way, only the enlisted man has this privilege. Officers will have to find some other investment.

## Favorite Songs Played On Patients' Request

Favorite songs or musical selections—from boogie woogie to classic—will be played over the air each Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on WRVA's "Smokes for Our Wounded" program.

Telephone Richmond 3-6633 and give each request to "Ginny" Tinsley, or write WRVA in Richmond Hotel, Richmond, Va.

McGuire patients may give their requests to Pvt. Caol M. Weissbuch of Reconditioning Service for forwarding to the broadcasting station if they so desire.

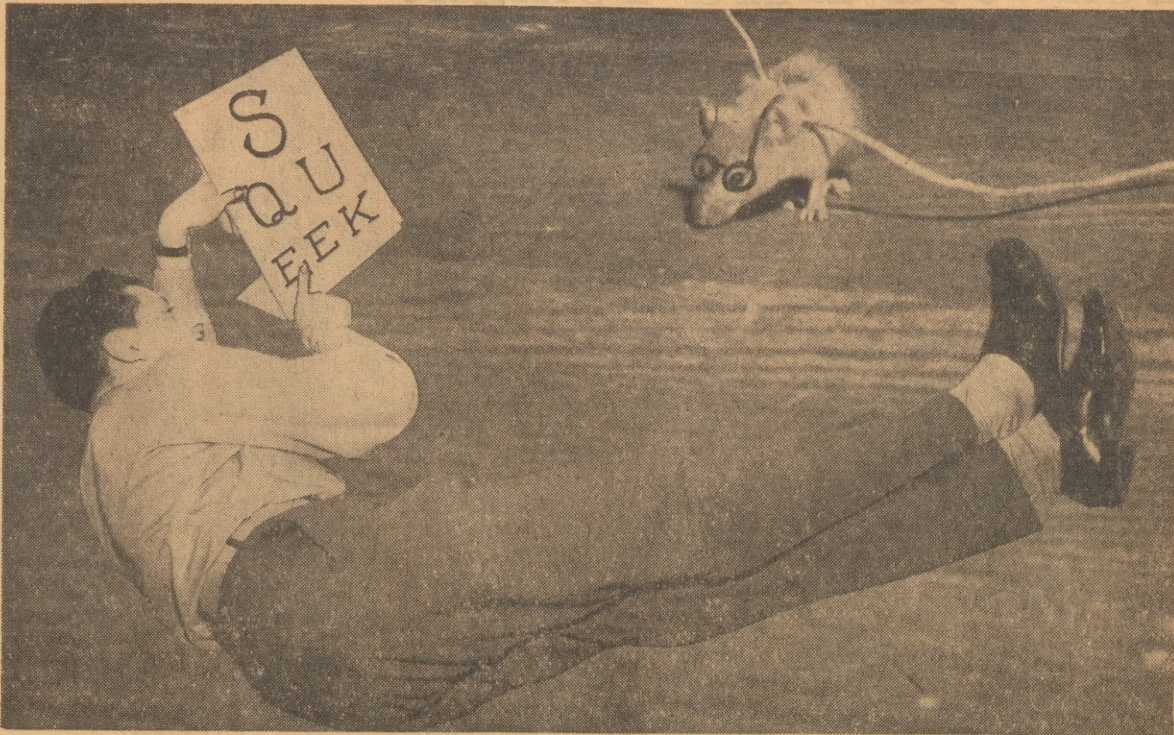
## Prodigies Wanted

The call is out for would-be celebrities.

Talent is needed from among patients, detachment men and civilians to aid in production of variety shows, ward tours and radio broadcasts now being planned.

Anyone possessing footlight material should contact the Special Services Office, Administration Building, or call 224.

## NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING



Tec. 5 William Elson, EENT optometrist, doesn't discriminate. Even innocent mice who get caught in waste paper baskets might have faulty vision. Perhaps they see spots before their eyes. "Only difference between testing mice and GIs," says Elson who used to fit glasses for residents of the Philadelphia Zoo, "is that soldiers must be tied down with a longer rope."

## New Surgery Specialty Is Assigned

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It is their job.

"General Kirk, the Surgeon General, has instructed us, and he in turn is under orders of the Commander-in-Chief, to insure that every sick and wounded man returning from combat shall during his stay in our hospitals be given a new hope, a view toward a new life."

Turning to first hand evidence of the reactions of combat men to their reception at McGuire, General Hayes read moving comments written by the patients themselves in the telephone exchange register in the arcade.

General Bliss pointed out that the purpose of the army's chain of 65 general hospitals throughout the United States was to provide definitive treatment in various medical and surgical specialties for men wounded in action.

"This means," General Bliss added, "that every patient is always assured treatment in a hospital where there are available the best specialists and the finest facilities for his condition."

"In the immediate future, it is planned that McGuire will be a specialized center for wounded men of two classes—those who had or require orthopedic surgery and those requiring neuro-surgery."

Colonel Gesler cited McGuire as one of America's most modern and fully equipped hospitals. \$6,000,000, excluding medical equipment, went into its construction, he revealed. The buildings, including five permanent VA buildings and a mile of heated corridors, required 15,000,000 bricks, and 300 working days involving 5,000 workers. The construction was performed by Doyle and Russell, and directed by the District Engineer in Norfolk.

Printed programs, designed by Sgt. Edward T. Paier, post artist, were distributed to all guests. Present in the audience were representative groups of patients, civilian employees, officers and enlisted men.

A reception was held for guests in the Officers' Club immediately following the ceremony.

Invocation was offered by Post Chaplain Major O. D. Swank. Chaplain Neil S. Cashman delivered the benediction. An Army Service Forces band presented a band concert, and accompanied by Mrs. Reuben Burton in the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner to close the program.

Boston (CNS)—This sign hangs in the window of a South Boston pet shop: "Cats Trained to Scratch Your Back."

## 300 Blood Donors Needed for Lab

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these four types, depending upon certain permanent blood characteristics. A blood donor preferably should be of the same type as the patient for whom the transfusion is intended. The former popular concept of 'universal blood donors' of the 'O' group and the "universal recipient" of the 'AB' group is now known to be faulty in some cases, and these terms have been discarded.

"The dehydrated plasma so universally and effectively used on the battlefield, dressing stations and field hospitals is highly valuable. In fact, it is vital, for the treatment of shock following battle wounds and accompanying hemorrhages, or in the emergency treatment of shock and acute hemorrhage where the loss of red blood cells from the body is not as dangerous as the sudden reduction in plasma fluid volume which occurs in shock following hemorrhage.

"But dehydrated plasma or stored (refrigerated) blood are both definitely inferior to fresh blood in the transfusion treatment of acute and chronic infections, anemias, or hemorrhagic conditions usually required here at McGuire," Captain Van Vacter concluded.

And there's the one about the young couple who called their first baby "encore" because he wasn't on the program.

## 2 New Radio Shows to Star McGuire GIs

Two new McGuire weekly radio broadcasts are in the offing, it was announced this week by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, Public Relations Officer.

Modeled after "Truth or Consequences," national hit show, a quiz program starring WRNL's Warde Adams will take advantage of patients' senses of humor with a barracks bag full of gags, practical jokes and general tomfoolery. McGuire's band will also appear in the weekly broadcast. Present plans call for the fun taking place in the Red Cross Auditorium.

WRVA will sponsor a weekly 15-minute radio spot with organ music by Pvt. Eddie Weaver and combat interviews with patients.

Regular McGuire programs broadcast now are "Open House at McGuire" every Saturday afternoon and Joe Brown's "Okay America" on alternating Tuesday evenings. Arrangements are under way with local stations to add further to the list of McGuire radio productions. It is expected that in the near future 14 radio shows will emanate from the hospital each month, a figure, which according to army records, few posts approach.

-Buy War Bonds Now-



"Sometimes I wish they wouldn't plan these things on such a large scale!"



# Bellwood Here Tonight In Repeat Doubleheader

Trounced soundly in their last two starts, the McGuire Generals will attempt to break into the win column again tonight at the expense of the Bellwood Engineers in the local gymnasium. The McGuirettes will meet the Bellwood Girls in a preliminary game at 7 p.m.

Both McGuire teams hold victories over tonight's opponents, the Generals knocking off the Engineers by 36-29 and the McGuirettes whipping the Bellwood sextette, 32-16, in an earlier doubleheader here.

The Generals hit tough sledding earlier this week, bowing to the strong Camp Lee five, 70-44, and to the navy-powered University of Richmond quint, 70-34. In both games, the Generals tired rapidly in the final half after holding leads during the opening period.

The McGuirettes were beaten also at Lee, dropping an 18-10 contest to a WAC squad.

Tonight's games will be the only home appearance of the two squads this week. Tomorrow the Generals will be at Waynesboro, Va., meeting the DuPont plant five, and Saturday at Staunton for a tilt against the Woodrow Wilson Hospital team. Next Wednesday, Jan. 31, the Generals meet Camp Lee's QM School at the Richmond YMCA.



Pvt. "Red" Skelton, who, when he frowns, looks more like Bob Hope than himself, has just dood it around McGuire's wards and Red Cross Auditorium.

He bucked a hoarse throat, but horse laughs from some 600 McGuirettes rocked the Red Cross Tuesday in hilarious Skelton sessions for patients and military personnel.

## Captains Sponsor "Dance of Dimes" In ORC Saturday

A "Dance of Dimes", proceeds to go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will be sponsored by post captains Saturday night at 9 p.m. in the Officers' Recreation Center.

A "wear - anything - you - darn - please" affair, the railroad track of officers promise an attractive award to the wearer of the most original costume. Officers coming from off the post, however, are reminded by the sponsors that the MPs won't believe you, so change your garb after you arrive on the post.

Out-Times-Squaring New York's famed taxi dance establishments, plans call for ladies button-holing their gentlemen dancing partners for ten cents at each roll of the drum—which, it is reported, will be heard seldom enough to allow partners to get acquainted.

Music will be furnished by McGuire's new 12-piece jive band. No admission price will be charged.

### Iturbi Coming

Jose Iturbi, famed pianist of screen, radio and the concert hall, will visit McGuire next Thursday for a performance in the Red Cross Auditorium.

His recital here will begin promptly at 3 p.m.

## Nurse Chief Cites Crisis In Enrollment

Baltimore, Jan. 25 (SCP)—The Army Nurse Corps is facing the biggest problem it has even known—caring for the wounded men of this war—with an inadequate military staff, Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of the Corps, told nurse representatives attending a Surgeon General's Office conference here this week.

Although Colonel Blanchfield said the nurse enrollment gain reported since the President's indorsement of the nurse-draft proposal was "encouraging," she said "we must have many, many more volunteers and quickly if our wounded men overseas and those being brought back to this country are to get the treatment they are entitled to."

She told nurse executives from the country's nine service commands, as well as representatives of the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, that improvisations introduced recently to overcome the shortage of commissioned graduate nurses must be extended as speedily as possible during this emergency period.

These include, she said, the use in military hospitals of professionally qualified civilian nurses who are unfit for military service for physical or other reasons, the use of military medical and surgical technicians, and of the new civilian sanitarian corps, and the wider use of Red Cross Nurses Aides and administrative assistants.

Colonel Blanchfield also stressed the War Departments' new policy of relieving nurses of "pen-pushing paperwork" and administrative responsibilities.

## The Soldier Takes a Wife



Popular Will (Bill) E. Scanlon of the Train Division and Miss Mary Murphy, Philadelphia, were united in marriage last Saturday morning by Chaplain Neil S. Cashman in the first full nuptial mass wedding ever held on the post.

Left to right, Mrs. Ella Hilstab, matron of honor, Philadelphia; 1st Sgt. William Allison, who gave the bride away; Mrs. Will E. Scanlon (nee Murphy); Chaplain Neil S. Cashman; the bridegroom; Pvt. Eugene Gaffey who assisted Father Cashman, and Pvt. Randolph Tancredi of the Train Division, best man.

## Suggestion Awards Show Committee Means Business

One promotion, half a dozen 3-day passes, a 7-day furlough and \$35 in cold cash prove that McGuire's Suggestion Committee doesn't take good ideas lightly. For those are the prizes awarded by the committee during the past seven months, it was learned from Lt. Velma R. White, committee chairman. The ideas accepted by the committee have resulted in a saving of \$2,280.21 during that time, she said.

In reviewing McGuire's 1944 suggestion files, Lt. White commented "I would call our record, so far, rather lukewarm. The time has come to turn on the heat."

Frequently, suggestions have been offered which were already included in plans for hospital operations. In such cases no award could be made. The value of the idea, however, was recognized and a letter of appreciation sent the contributor.

Some ideas submitted have been recognized as morale builders. An illustration is cited in the suggestion netting \$5.00 for Mrs. Gladys Shively, Mess and Dietetics Branch. This incorporated a "get-acquainted" tour of the hospital in the orientation program for new employees.

Other ideas put into use resulted in a saving of time and material. Corporal Bernard Asbel showed one way that could be done in cutting down the size of the buck slip used throughout the hospital. This won him, then a private, a promotion to private first class.

An improvement in office procedure came about when Miss Alice R. Murphey, Civilian Personnel, thought out loud in terms of a more efficient method of processing new employees, at the same time winning for herself a round ten dollars.

"No matter how simple or how extraordinary your idea may appear," said Lt. White in appealing for more suggestions, "we request that you put it into words, discuss its advantages with the department head involved, and analyze it thoroughly, particularly in its relation, if it has any, with other department-ideas to the Suggestion Committee."

## Post Theater

Week of Thursday, January 18. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.

Tonight—"WINGED VICTORY"

with Pvt. Lon McAllister, Jeanne Crain and Sgt. Edmond O'Brien.

Saturday—"THE SUSPECT" with Charles Laughton and Ella Raines.

Sunday—"CAN'T HELP SINGING" with Deanna Durbin and Robert Paige.

Tuesday—Double Feature. "THE JADE MASK" with Sidney Toler and Ralph Lewis, and "THE TOWN WENT WILD" with James Lydon and Freddie Bartholomew.

Wednesday—No show will be held.

ments. Then, if it measures up, send it immediately to the committee, via the suggestion boxes, and prompt action will be taken."

Lt. White emphasizes that consideration is given to suggestions applicable to any War Department installation as well as to those that apply locally.

Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, also encourages post personnel to be on the alert in devising new schemes for unfolding the hospital's fullest possibilities for service. Colonel Duggins stated:

"With the enlargement of McGuire's facilities for caring for a greater number of overseas patients comes a fresh challenge to all at McGuire. I urge you to send your ideas to the Suggestion Committee."

## Sgt. Al Frey Takes Paddle Tourney Cup

Detachment's ping-pong Victory Trophy was awarded Monday to Sgt. Albert G. Frey, Texas paddler, after he defeated Tec. 5 James E. Humphreys in the finals of the double elimination tournament.

Winner out of 16 entries in the tourney, Train Division's Frey early in December defeated Williams in the first round, Kochunas in the second and Cheswick in the third, before Humphreys stopped his streak in the semi-final. Two defeats being necessary for elimination, Frey and Humphreys lifted their paddles for the playoff and—whoops! up came orders for Humphrey's furlough and a DS trip for Frey.

Before a handful of spectators, the opponents resumed the competition Monday, Frey winning 4 to 1. Humphreys took the first tilt before the Champ came back with four straight.

Humphreys won four dollars in war stamps for his place position while Cheswick, who came in third, was awarded three dollars in stamps.

## Art Competition For Soldiers in U.S. Is Announced

By Camp Newspaper Service  
A nation-wide Army Art Contest, open to all Army personnel in the U. S., will be sponsored by the Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces.

It will culminate in an exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., July 4 to Aug. 15 where awards will be made to winners in 8 classes of work, according to a War Department release dated Jan. 16.

The eight classes are: oil paintings and tempera, water colors and gouache, mural designs, sculpture, renderings, drawings, prints and photographs.

Entry blanks and information on size limitations can be secured from the Special Services officer. Entries should be in not later than Feb. 20. Purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest in art as an off-duty recreational activity for Army personnel.

The winners will be determined by a series of elimination contests. Every Army post in the country, including Army hospitals, will choose representative work to be forwarded to the proper Service Command Headquarters, where it will first be shown in a series of regional exhibits. From each of these, 30 entries will be chosen by a combined military and civilian jury for forwarding to Washington where a jury will make the final selections.

## Major Mays Takes Over Burma Post

Major John R. S. Mays, former chief, Neuropsychiatric Section here, has left McGuire to take over his new assignment of Consultant in Neuropsychiatry for the Burma Theater of Operations. Major Mays, a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, was assigned to McGuire June 30, 1944.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## As He Was

